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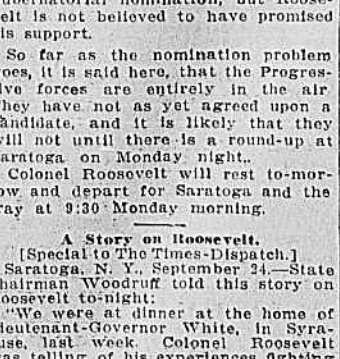
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Mr. Dixon ought to know—he wrote it—but there is certainly room to question the literal accuracy of this shrinking statement.

There is some comedy—many of the audience laughed heartily at some of the scenes in which the negroes figured—and there are undoubtedly many tense and dramatic moments, which made the house gasp. But the whole theme of the play is so repulsive, so offensive, so blatantly indecent, that it is hard to realize that it was written by a Southern man, to be presented, apparently with pride, before Southern audiences, or that the author really meant what he said in his speech—that the thought underlying the play was inspired by the teachings of a Southern woman.

The story may be read in a book, or, as in this case, seen on the stage, but it is hardly the subject for a newspaper article, and it will, therefore, not be retailed, even though it had been brought out in the city, as Mr. Dixon, in his curtain speech, said he had written it, "with tenderness and delicacy."

Of the two negroes who amused the audience, Mrs. Charles G. Craig, as Aunt Minerva, was much the better. She was fat and black and looked with an air of perfection. But Arthur J. Pickens, who, as Andy, was called "a fat-nosed gorilla," has an unusually prominent Roman nose, and played accordingly, though he drew many a laugh. They were both gratifyingly familiar with their gentilefolk, in spite of the persona attention which Mr. Dixon is said to have given to the rehearsals. Neither John J. Pierson, as Major Norton, nor Robert Barton, as Tom, was convincing, though Barton grew better toward the end of the play.

Lydia Knott, always a competent actress, gave a good performance of the hideous role of Cleo, although she conveyed the idea of the octoroon only by a slightly darkened skin—her hair was hardly brown.

It is a pleasure to be able to speak of the work of Ethel Wright, who played Helen Winslow, the girl upon whom rests the unspeakable suspicion of negro blood. She is not pretty, but she has a very beautiful speaking voice, enunciates clearly and shows ability and power in her pathetic part. Easily the star of the company, she went over the footlights in her big scenes.

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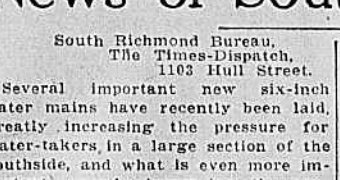
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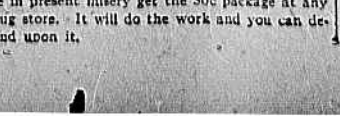
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**Will Tow to New York.**

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It is a very sensible plan to first try a remedy and see if it works. The ancient doctrine that if you keep at it results are sure to come is a back number. That is why the Pyramid Drug Co. wants all pile sufferers to send for a free trial of Pyramid Pile Cure. The instant relief clears up all doubt, brings the quick and welcome results, saves dangerous, needless and harmful operations, and is a permanent cure. The mere fact that this wonderful cure is sold in nearly every drug store in the United States shows how generally people rely upon it. But send your name and address to the Pyramid Drug Co., 267 Pyramid Bldg., Marshall Mich., and in a plain wrapper they will mail you a free convincing test that will surprise you with its wonderful and welcome results. You can get the regular package almost anywhere for 50c, and be sure you get the kind you ask for.

Don't fail to write for the free trial, and if you are in present misery get the 50c package at any drug store. It will do the work and you can depend upon it.

**THE WEATHER**

Forecast: Virginia—Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday, with possible showers Sunday; cooler Monday; moderate, variable winds, mostly south.

North Carolina—Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday; moderate, variable winds, mostly east.

**CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.**

Clear. Thermometer at midnight, 72.

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.**

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

City	Ther.	W.
Washington	74	Clear
Charlotte	72	Clear
Norfolk	70	Clear
Augusta	76	P. cloudy
Key West	82	Clear
Savannah	74	Clear
Asheville	68	Clear
Haleigh	68	Clear
Knox	80	Clear
Pittsburg	68	Rain
Jacksonville	76	Rain
Tampa	80	Clear
Chicago	60	Cloudy
Memphis	80	Clear
Knoxville	70	Rain
Louisville	72	Rain
Kansas	82	Cloudy
Oklahoma	82	Clear
San Francisco	62	Cloudy

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